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Furloughed Workers Recalled To Clear Buildings at Goddard

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

The shut-down is supposed to pause all non-essential work by government employees but while NASA usually furloughs 80 to 90 percent of its workers, Greenbelt's Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) continues to hum with activity, including executing controversial directives critics say are illegal. Clearing of buildings on the campus and "divesting" of labs and equipment from those buildings is being carried out while most staff, media and the public are unable to access the facilities. Emails shared with the News Review and statements from GSFC federal workers show some are being recalled specifically to clean out buildings and participate in moves, as the center continues



Moving trucks and dumpsters outside GSFC's Building 23 on October 30

including GSFC workers who spoke to the News Review, say NASA is preemptively and illegally implementing President Trump's budget plan (passback) for the agency — one with dramatic cuts facing bipartisan opposition in Congress (see the July 17 issue).

Critics argue these moves, which are being carried out with haste, are illegal themselves, as they are occurring without Congressional budget approval and will impact research and missions that do have Congressional support. "GSFC general staff have been kept as uninformed as possible," says "Ben" (not his real name), an aerospace

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City Council Discusses ICE, Hateful Flyers, Transportation, Art Funding

by Maurice Crawford

The Greenbelt City Council convened Monday, October 27 to discuss their responses to reported Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activities along the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, anti-immigrant flyers found in Greenbelt, and Maryland's Consolidated Transportation Plan and to approve funding for art programs in the city.

ICE Activities

Councilmember Jenni Pompi introduced a statement from council in response to recent reports of ICE agents riding with U.S. Park Police (USPP) and making arrests along the Parkway, with those detained being taken to the USPP station in Greenbelt Park. This was followed by a wide-ranging discussion of whom the statement is for, whether it should be a travel advisory and what actions council is taking regarding requests by Greenbelt residents for council to respond to ICE activities. They also discussed the effects on the immigrant community. The end result was that council unanimously approved the statement and it has been posted to the city's website.

In the statement, council, recognizing the fear these ICE detentions have caused in the community, reassures residents

that it continues its policy of not enforcing immigration law or assisting ICE in its actions. The city has raised the issue with representatives in Congress and officials at other levels of state and federal government. The city has hosted Know Your Rights trainings and other community events in partnership with CASA and local attorneys, and plans to offer further education and support workshops. Residents are encouraged to exercise their legal rights, such as remaining silent, and to use the CASA hotline to report ICE activity. Businesses are reminded that federal agents cannot enter spaces marked as private.

Hateful Flyers

Councilmember Jenni Pompi read a draft statement from council regarding recent anti-immigrant flyers that have been found in Greenbelt. There was some discussion on repeating the language from the flyers in the statement and it was decided not to. Council also discussed whether the flyers fell under protected speech. Greenbelt resident Michael Hartman felt that whether the words were protected or not, council can still have an opinion about them. Council unanimously agreed to convey the statement, which can also be found on the city's website.

Arts Program

Council unanimously approved a \$27,401 increase in expenditures for Greenbelt Recreation's Arts Program. The increase in the art fund expenditure line is because a grant it was awarded was more than the program expected to receive (\$78,101 vs. \$50,700). These funds will support efforts at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, purchase arts equipment and provide more resources for Public Arts projects.

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What Goes On

Monday, November 10 7:00 p.m., Charter Meeting (first meeting of newly-elected City Council), Municipal Building
Tuesday, November 11 Veterans Day Holiday, All City Offices Closed
Wednesday, November 12 7:30 p.m., Council Worksession: Administrative Worksession and Legislative Priorities, Municipal Building

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar at greenbeltnmd.gov for more information.

Frankie Fritz Elected; Rodney Roberts Ends 34 Years on Council

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

On Tuesday, November 4, Greenbelt elected the next city council. Challenger Frankie Fritz has earned a seat on council, knocking incumbent Rodney Roberts from the seat he has held for 34 years. Preliminary results show Fritz, who campaigned hard, garnered more votes than three incumbents: Roberts, Silke Pope and Amy Knesel. Emmett Jordan was again the highest vote-getter, traditionally the metric used by council to select the mayor. Challenger Kevin "Coach K" Lockhart didn't win but received solid support with 1,392 votes.

Voter turnout was higher than in recent past elections. City Manager Josué Salmerón said the city had set a goal to achieve 20 percent voter turnout and surpassed that. Preliminary numbers show 3,244 voters in this election, up from 2,685 in 2023.

Another big win from the polls was Ranked Choice Voting (RCV). Residents voted 2,073 in favor of RCV with 1,018 opposed, a clear mandate of 2:1 support in the advisory referendum for the new voting system.

Voters preferred to keep

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Frankie Fritz, center front, and a group of supporters await results at Greenbelt Fire Station late Tuesday, November 4.

Consultant Presents Draft Plan For City's Historic Cemeteries

by Erik Hanson

On October 20 Carolyn Gimbal, senior architectural historian from Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson (JMT) returned to a Greenbelt City Council worksession to give the results of her firm's survey of Greenbelt's three historic cemeteries and to present a draft Maintenance and Improvement Plan. She had presented an initial plan at the July 23 worksession, covered in the August 13, 2025, issue of the News Review. She plans to return in December for a final recommendation.

The JMT survey determined that upgrades were needed at all three of the historic cemeteries.

The Hamilton Cemetery is located on Hamilton Place beyond the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. offices. It was too overgrown to locate depressions that might indicate burials. The signage had deteriorated and gravestones had been removed to be stored by Public Works.

The Turner Cemetery is within the Greenbelt Cemetery on Ivy

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Walker Cemetery

Letters to the Editor

Data Centers

Over 400 passionate people spoke out against data centers on Saturday, October 25, at the Bowie Sports and Learning Complex. It showed how the people in Prince George’s County care about the environment. The Landover Data Center proposal, now on pause due to outcries, awakened people in Landover and around the Beltway, who are expressing their concerns, not wanting decisions made in backrooms without citizens’ input and knowledge. Saturday set a precedent as communities came together to voice their wrath and concerns over how data centers are being handled by our county council and the Task Force (which does not contain a member from an environmental group). Saturday’s format was set to be the same as the Task Force community summer meetings, but due to the anger from attendees, Council Members Wala Blegay and Krystal Oridaha were forced to listen to most of the people as they came to the mic and stated their concerns. Never have the council members seen such a large group speak on these issues. For many this may have been their first time to hear and speak on zoning, planning and development. Prince George’s may benefit from targeted data centers such as ad-



Fun Run with Prizes Nov. 15 at Franklin Park

Georgetown Pain Management will be hosting a Turkey Trot Fun Run at Franklin Park Apartments, Springhill Drive, on Saturday, November 15 at 11 a.m. This community event is designed to encourage healthy, active lifestyles in a fun and family-friendly setting. As a special Thanksgiving gesture, Georgetown Pain is donating Thanksgiving meals – the first 100 participants to cross the finish line will receive a coupon for a free turkey dinner from the Greenbelt Safeway.

vanced research or life sciences at universities. However, we need transparency so that data centers will not be oversold.

We can be critical of hyper-scale data centers that lack benefits. Later in the day, at another meeting, Blegay admitted that it’s not about jobs but about revenue. Let’s consider other sources of revenue as well. We could see an AI bubble burst, costing us for decades. Read an excellent article by Heather Kerley at heatherkerley.substack.com/p/is-this-the-best-we-can-do?

*Kathy Bartolomeo
Member of Climate Justice
Wing, Maryland Legislative
Coalition*

PORCH Initiative: More Important Than Ever

The news has been filled with stories about the critical needs and shortages faced by food banks nationally. With all the current pressure on food banks, the local community food drive model is more important than ever. PORCH remains committed to providing nonperishable food and fresh produce to children and their families.

Greenbelt PORCH is continuing its program to collect food in the month of November as scheduled below. Food placed on porches by the time listed will be picked up after that time.

Sunday, November 9 – by 11 a.m. at 1-8 Courts Ridge, 1-8 Courts Crescent and 1-2 Courts Westway

Saturday, November 15 – by 10 a.m. for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill

Sunday, November 16 – by 4 p.m. for Boxwood Village and for P.A.L. (PORCH at large) members (including former Woodland Hill donors). Contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler by noon on November 16 at spreadruak@gmail.com; by 5 p.m. for Eastway.

Sunday, November 23 – by 5 p.m. for Lakeside Drive; after 6 p.m. for 11-S Ridge Road, 14 & 16 Courts Ridge, 8 & 10 Courts Southway.



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Fri. 4:00 PM, 7:15 PM
Sat. 5:00 PM, 8:10 PM
Mon. 1:45 PM (OC), 5:00 PM
Tues. 7:00 PM
Thurs. 7:00 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Sun. 1:45 PM, 5:00 PM
Wed. 7:00 PM

Blue Moon (R)
(CC) (DVS) (2025) (100 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sun. 2:00 PM, 4:40 PM
Wed. 7:15 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 5:00 PM, 7:30 PM
Sat. 5:15 PM, 8:00 PM
Mon. 2:00 PM, 5:15 PM
Tues. 7:15 PM
Thurs. 7:15 PM

Halloween
Sunday Scaries Series
(R) (1978) (91 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sun. 7:00 PM



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On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

Nuremberg

As the Nuremberg trials are set to begin, a U.S. Army psychiatrist (Rami Malek) gets locked in a dramatic psychological showdown with accused Nazi war criminal Hermann Göring (Russell Crowe). Said critic Collin Garbarino of WORLD, “The Nazis aren’t any different from you or me. They were evil because they were human, and we fool ourselves if we think that 80 years later sin no longer crouches at our own doors.”

Blue Moon

Richard Linklater’s Blue Moon tells the story of legendary lyricist Lorenz Hart (Ethan Hawke) bravely facing the future as his professional and private life unravel at the opening night party for his former partner’s hit show Oklahoma! By the time this night is over, Hart will have confronted both a world that no longer values his talent and the seeming impossibility of love. “... a lyrical showcase for Hawke, whose performance is confrontational yet tender and self-effacing,” said critic Adam Kempenarr of the Washington Blade.

Halloween

On a cold Halloween night in 1963, 6-year-old Michael Myers brutally murdered his 17-year-old sister, Judith. He was sentenced and locked away for 15 years. But on October 30, 1978, while being transferred for a court date, a 21-year-old Michael Myers steals a car and escapes Smith’s Grove. He returns to his quiet hometown of Haddonfield, Ill., where he looks for his next victims.

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Obituaries

Ole Hass



PHOTO BY INGRID HASS

Ole Hass

Ole Hass died on October 26, 2025, aged 57, in the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, of complications after a long battle with cancer. Ole was born in Hamburg, Germany, on May 31, 1968.

Ole sang for many years as a boy soprano in St. Michael's Cathedral in Hamburg, an experience that laid the foundations for a life steeped in music. At the age of 22, he left his study of biochemistry to focus on classical singing. A year later, in 1991, he met Ingrid, who was studying music and art at the University of Hamburg. They gave their first concert together in that city in the spring of 1992. Subsequently Ole came to the U.S. to pursue a master's degree in opera at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem. He and Ingrid were married on June 29, 1996.

Ole and Ingrid moved to Greenbelt in 1998 for Ole to take up a fellowship from the University of Maryland, where he earned a doctorate in musical arts in 2002. After graduation he worked for 10 years as associate editor at Retrospective Index to Music Periodicals (RIPM), an archive of German music periodicals. At this time, he was also performing as a soloist all over the greater Washington, D.C., area, singing at the Kennedy Center, the National Cathedral and Strathmore, among many other venues.

After RIPM, he worked for two years at Acorn Hill Waldorf School in Silver Spring as an assistant teacher. This experience in part inspired the puppetry shows that he and Ingrid later began to develop and perform.

At age 43 Ole was diagnosed with chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL), a long-term treatable cancer. He was able to participate in medical trials at NIH that proved very effective. In 2012, he and Ingrid started Beech Tree Puppets, performing original puppet shows with song for children all over the greater Washington-

Baltimore area, and in 2015 he took a position as a German language coach with the prestigious Young Artists program at the Washington National Opera. In 2023, however, Ole's chronic leukemia transformed into a rare central nervous system lymphoma in his brain, which he fought through aggressive treatment over the next two years. The treatment was successful but, quite suddenly in October, he succumbed to a rare form of pneumonia that can affect people with weakened immune systems, due to the years of cancer treatment.

Ole was a loving husband and caring father, with a warm heart and a huge intellect. He had a gentle soul, kind and giving, and was patient and positive in his endurance, constantly upright. He was a gifted musician, storyteller and puppeteer – witty, smart and creative. With the puppet shows that he and Ingrid conceived and performed, his aim was to bring healing and nourishment to children through storytelling with wholesome images and beautiful

music. A creative problem-solver and collaborator, he found grounding in handywork and construction, making the wooden set pieces for the shows and writing the music. The puppet shows were perfectly choreographed duets in action and song that brought delight to the youngest and oldest viewers.

Ole is survived by his wife Ingrid Cowan Hass, children Eva

and Cecilia, older brother Bodo Hass and younger half-brother Jan Guhl.

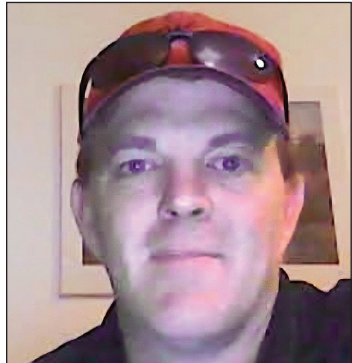
The Hass family's long journey through Ole's illness has been eased by the love and support of the Greenbelt community. A small family-only funeral took place last week and a larger celebration of Ole's life will be organized for January, with details to come.

In Memoriam

Michael Jason Rawley

Mike was a Greenbelt resident and a friend of mine. He was a good, honest, amicable man. He was a contractor and a handy man. He worked hard and did a good and honest job. He liked bowling and he loved my dog, Charley. Born December 28, 1969, he was 56 years old but hard times had overwhelmed him. He smoked and had diabetes. He lost his foot mainly to diabetes, and had a multiple bypass heart operation, both in the last year or so. He did not have a regular doctor and was turned down for Social Security Disability even though he obviously could not continue to work as a contractor. An individual at my church let Mike live at his GHI home free for about the past year or so. On Sunday, October 26, 2025, Mike was found, after he had taken his own life. I am greatly saddened by Mike's passing and hope God will take Mike home.

– Eldo and Charley Brown



SELFIE BY MIKE RAWLEY

Michael Rawley

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present. You write it or we will if you prefer. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.



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Ole (left) and Ingrid Hass performed together in Greenbelt and beyond as Beech Tree Puppets.

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The Ten Commandments
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Exodus 20:17

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November 9, 2025, at 3 p.m.
Lean on Me

Anthony Jenkins with Worship Associate Anne Hoover

In the spirit of our November theme (Building Beloved Community) and of Veterans Day, we'll lean into lifting up the present-day experience of serving in the beloved community known as the US military.

Streaming on PBUUC's Facebook page, on Zoom, and in person. Worship service held at University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD



We were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Mike Rawley, a hard-working Greenbelter who faced many hardships but also experienced great kindness.

Our condolences to the Hass family on the death of Ole. He was deeply valued by his neighbors and will be greatly missed by the music and arts communities.

Congratulations to Officer Sosa on her recent promotion to Police Officer First Class. Also congratulations to Joshua Forney, Oscar Rodas-Flores and Jean-Paul Dang, who were promoted to Master Police Officer.

Send details of your news to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.





City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL - CHARTER MEETING

Monday, November 10 at 7 pm

CHARTER MEETING

Call to Order
Roll Call
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Reading of the Greenbelt Community Pledge
Certification of Election Count - City Clerk
Oath of Office - Council Elect
Election of Temporary Chair
Election of Mayor
Administration of Oath of Office to Newly Elected Mayor
Statement by Mayor
Election of Mayor Pro Tem
Statement by Mayor Pro Tem
Statements by Members of Council
Other Business

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

This agenda is subject to change. For the most up-to-date agenda, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipalTV or call (301) 474-8000.

MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 10-14

Monday, November 10 at 7 pm, **CHARTER MEETING**

Wednesday, November 12 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - ADMINISTRATIVE WORK SESSION AND LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

Wednesday, November 12, **SPECIAL MEETING/CLOSED SESSION - CITY MANAGER'S GOAL SETTING**

Thursday, November 13 at 5:30pm, **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Wednesday, November 12th, 2025, immediately following the Council Work Session – Administrative Work Session and Legislative Priorities: 1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The purpose of this meeting is 1) to discuss the City Manager's Goal Setting.

*** The public may attend the Council Work Session prior to the closed session and observe the vote of the Council to move into the closed session on Wednesday, November 12, 2025.**

- Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

PUBLIC SAFETY TOWN HALL

Thursday, November 13 at 6:30pm, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

The Greenbelt Police Department invites you to join a discussion about public safety in our community.

COMPOST CREW'S PUMPKIN PARTY

Saturday, November 8 from 10:30am-12pm
Trinity Assembly of God, 7800 Good Luck Rd

Compost Crew invites all Greenbelt residents to come donate edible pumpkins and/or smash contaminate-free pumpkins into nutrient-rich compost. Pumpkins must be free of glitter, paint, candles, and wax.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

In the City of Greenbelt, we remain committed to embracing and celebrating the diversity of all. As our nation undergoes change, feelings of pride, uncertainty, and even fear may arise. Yet, we stand firm in the pledge that has defined Greenbelt since its inception and will not falter.

Learn more at <https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/government/know-your-rights-immigration-resources>.

LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Fall 2025-2026

Week	Location	Holiday
November 3-7	Lakewood Greensprings I & II	
November 10-14	Boxwood	Veterans Day November 11
November 17-21	Woodland Hills	
November 24-28	Lakeside	Thanksgiving November 27 & 28
December 1-5	Lakewood Greensprings I & II	
December 8-12	Boxwood	
December 15-19	Woodland Hills	
December 22-26	Lakeside	Christmas December 25
December 29 - January 2	Lakewood Greensprings I & II	New Years Day January 1

CURRENT GAIL PROGRAMS

CARES is happy to provide the following programs **FREE** of charge. For more information, email Brendy Maddox at bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov or (202) 670-6497.

- **OPEN COMPUTER LAB FOR ADULTS** 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Weekly sign-up required.
- **DEMENTIA WEBINARS** 11/6, 11/13 at 7 pm on Zoom.
- **NAVIGATING DEMENTIA CARE FOR CAREGIVERS** in partnership with the University of Maryland: November 3, 10, and 17 (in-person), November 5, 12, 19 (Virtual)
- **FREE MONTHLY DIAPER DISTRIBUTION** Greenbelt Residents Only. First time participants must provide proof of residency, state-issued ID, birth certificate (or copy) for each child.

ENVISIONING A NEW PARK AT INDIAN CREEK

Thursday, November 6 at 7 pm, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

The City of Greenbelt is seeking to convert the site along Indian Creek at Branchville Road into a park to provide new recreational amenities for the community.

Join us for an opportunity to share your ideas and hear about potential design strategies and concepts. Your feedback is important and will help our design team in planning a safe, sustainable park that meets the community's needs.

For more information, contact pcd@greenbeltmd.gov or (301) 345-5417.

HOLIDAY FOOD BOX GIVEAWAY

WITH INGRID WATSON & GREENBELT CARES

Thursday, November 20, 1-3pm
Greenbelt Community Center, Ground Floor East, 15 Crescent Road

No reservation required. Food boxes will be distributed on a first come, first served basis and while supplies last.

For more information, contact Bria Archie at BAArchie@co.pg.md.us or (301) 952-3094.

THANKSGIVING TURKEY & MEAL GIVEAWAY

Saturday, November 22, 10am-12pm

Christian Life Center, 5600 Taylor Rd, Riverdale, MD

Senator Alonzo T. Washington and District 22 Delegates, in partnership with Baldor Speciality Foods and Christian Life Center, are providing a Thanksgiving Turkey & Meal Giveaway. First come, first serve while supplies last.

Registration Required. Reigster at <https://wkf.ms/3tax144>.

SCHROM HILLS PARK FIELD OPEN-PLAY HOURS

The Schrom Hills Park Bermuda Field will be open the remainder of November for open-play during the listed hours:

Monday - Friday 3-5m
Saturday & Sunday 1-5pm

Please note that the field will be closed on Thanksgiving (Thursday, November 27) and any days where weather impacts field conditions. Organized, competitive group play (15 or more participants) is not permitted during open-play hours. The field will be closed from December - February each year. For field rental/permit information please contact Greenbelt Recreation at (301) 397-2200.

WSSC STANDPIPE REHABILITATION MEETING

Friday, November 7 at 2pm, Greenbelt Community Center Room 202

WSSC Water will soon begin rehabilitating one of our existing water storage facilities in your neighborhood — the Greenbelt Standpipe, located at 211 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD.

To help keep the community informed, WSSC Water will hold a virtual Project Outreach Community Meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams. During this meeting, WSSC Water staff and our contractor will review the overall project scope, construction timeline, and safety measures, including how demolition and site activities will be managed. You will also receive a postcard invitation with details on how to join the November 12 meeting.

In case you are unable to join the meeting, the presentation materials will be made available by November 14 at www.wsscwater.com/projectmeetings.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, in observance of Veteran's Day
THE GREENBELT CONNECTION WILL NOT BE OPERATING.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of November 10

Monday Route – Collected Monday
Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday
Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday
Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance, odd metals, hard plastics, or yard waste collections on Friday, November 14

DISTRICT 4 COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOOD GIVEAWAY

Thursday, November 20, 1-3pm. Greenbelt Community Center

Council member Ingrid Watson has partnered with Greenbelt CARES to hold a community food giveaway. Come to Ground Floor East at the Community Center for a free food box. No reserevations are required. Food boxes will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis while supplies last.

For more information contact Bria Archie at BAArchie@co.pg.md.us or (301) 952-3094

FREE SPAY/NEUTER, RABIES SHOTS FOR PETS

Greenbelt residents are eligible for a free spay/neuter procedure and a rabies shot for their pet, through a Maryland Department of Agriculture grant until December 31. Control pet overpopulation and keep pets healthier at no cost.

To apply, contact Greenbelt Animal Services at animalservices@greenbeltmd.gov or call 301-474-6124. Don't wait and miss out at the end of the year during the busy holidays – make an appointment now. Let's have no unwanted puppies or kittens born in Greenbelt next year, or any year. There are already cats, kittens and dogs and puppies at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter waiting for good homes (like adoptable Nemo here!).



REPARATIONS TOWN HALL

Saturday, November 15 at 2:30-5pm, Greenbelt Community Center, Room 201

The Greenbelt Reparations Commission will share its latest findings and will have breakout sesions. Residents are invited to make recommendations for repair and redress.

A majority (or quorum) of Greenbelt City Council members may attend community organization meetings, but no official Council action will be taken at these meetings. Please note that meeting locations may change after being published. For information on how to join these meetings, contact the respective organization directly.

GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

Be sure to check out the City calendar for all up to date events at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.



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GREENBELT EMANCIPATION DAY PROGRAM 2025

Saturday, November 8, 9am-12pm

Greenbelt Library Parking Lot
Sanfoka Mobile History Museum
Come experience time travel and meet an elder of the Piscataway Tribe, an 18th century female entrepreneur, 19th century freedom fighters and much more!

Presented by the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee, Greenbelt Museum, RUAK, and Greenbelt Recreation

SENIOR TECH CAFE

Sundays - October 26, November 23 from 1-3 pm
Greenbelt Community Center, Room 109, 15 Crescent Road

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FREE. Drop-in, first come first serve, no registration required, bring a friend!

Contact Priya Gardner Lemieux at pgardner@greenbeltmd.gov | (240) 542-2056.

ARTS HAPPENINGS

Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts for more information and many other opportunities!

Sign up for ARTFANS, a weekly e-newsletter, at www.greenbeltmd.gov/list.aspx.

Artful Afternoons - FREE. Sunday 11/2, 1-3pm Greenbelt Community Center; Sunday 11/9, 1:30-2:30pm Springhill Lake Recreation Center. All ages welcome. Use real leaves, block printing ink and brayers to create beautiful prints with Artist in Residence Rachel Cross. Sign up: sugeni.us/e4CI. Walk-ins welcome!

Pet Portrait Painting. Fridays, 11/7 & 14, 6-8pm Greenbelt Community Center. Capture the individual personality of your pet or of any animal in a unique painting. All experience levels welcome! Ages 16+. Registration required. See page 35 of the Activity Guide.

MORE ARTS HAPPENING SOON

- **Art Share (Meet Up)** Friday, 11/14, 7pm Greenbelt Community Center
- **Youth Musical Registration** Deadline Friday 11/14, greenbeltmd.gov/470/Youth-Musical
- **Fused Glass Ornament** 11/30 11am-12:30pm Greenbelt Community Center Registration required; see page 34 of the [activity guide](#) for details.

FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS

Thursday, November 13, 10am - 1pm, 6101 Cherrywood Lane

Screenings for Blood Pressure,

Cholesterol, and Diabetes at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.
To RSVP Call 240-424-0302

Braveboy Officials Sworn In; No Word on Tiffany Green

On Tuesday, October 21, eight senior nominees serving in County Executive Aisha Braveboy’s cabinet were confirmed by the County Council and officially sworn in to continue serving in the roles to which they were appointed.

They are:

Maxene Bardwell, Chief Administrative Officer

George Nader, Chief of Police

George Nichols, Assistant Chief of Police (sworn in, council confirmation not required)

Thelmetria Michaelides, Fire Chief

Katina Gomez, Director of Homeland Security

Linda Allen, Director of Finance

Samuel Moki, Director of Environment

Alice Williams, Director of Procurement & Purchasing Agent

Vennard Wright, Director of Information Technology & Chief Information Officer.

Former Prince George’s County Fire Chief Tiffany Green was appointed Assistant Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Public Safety and Homeland Security for Prince George’s County in July and Michaelides was appointed to succeed her as Fire Chief. Green was not among the list of those confirmed by council. She was suspended less than two months after her appointment and her current status is not known (see page 8 of the August 14 issue). The Office of the County Executive has not responded to the News Review’s calls, texts or email requests for information about her status.

Moki’s appointment has also been controversial, due to his having been fired in 2014 from a Department of the Environment position for “gross negligence” related to mismanagement of the county stormwater management system.

Co-op Announces Recipients For 2026 Round-Up Program

The Greenbelt Consumer Co-operative (Co-op) announced the results of its 2026 Community Round-Up partner selection, based entirely on member nominations followed by voting at the Annual Member Meeting held on October 18.

Co-op members nominated and voted for Greenbelt organizations to receive monthly Round-Up donations – small contributions made when shoppers choose to “round up” their purchases at checkout to the next whole dollar. The Co-op Board generated the first set of organizations that launched in April of this year, and the program exceeded expectations due to shoppers’ enthusiasm for supporting these local groups. In total, Co-op shoppers have donated over \$22,500 so far in 2025.

The 12 top-voted organizations to be featured throughout 2026, starting in December 2025, are: December, Greenbelt Refugee Aid; January, Greenbelt Community Foundation; February, RUAK (Random Acts of Unselfish Kindness); March, The SPACE Free

Art for All; April, Greenbelt Makerspace and Tool Library; May, Greenbelt Nursery School; June, City of Greenbelt Recreation Department’s Kids 2 Camp Fund; July, Greenbelt Community Orchestra and Greenbelt Concert Band; August, Greenbelt Labor Day Festival; September, Greenbelt News Review; October, Greenbelt Farmers Market; and November, Greenbelt Access Television (GATe).

Recipient organizations since the program began include the Greenbelt Arts Center, Greenbelt Animal Shelter, Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, the SPACE, Greenbelt Farmers Market SNAP Benefits and the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association’s Emergency Assistance Fund.

This month, the Co-op is rounding up for the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, supporting these essential services while preparing to launch the member-voted lineup.

The Co-op plans to follow a similar nomination and voting process in 2026.

Greenbelt Receives \$25K Grant To Purchase Cold Storage Trailer

On October 21, Councilmember Danielle McKinney and City Manager Josué Salmerón attended the Pepco 2025 Sustainable Communities Awards event to accept a \$25,000 grant from Pepco and Sustainable Maryland as part of the 2025 Sustainable Communities Grant program.

This grant funding will support the Greenbelt Grows initiative by purchasing a mobile cold storage trailer to boost food access by safely storing and transporting locally grown produce from community gardens, merchants, residents and Farmers Market vendors. This will allow Greenbelt to distribute healthy food directly into neighborhoods, increasing access and reducing food waste.

Core partners that helped se-



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council terms to two years rather than increasing to four years (Advisory Referendum 2). A total of 1,857 voted no on changing terms to four years, while 1,217 voted yes. The second part of the question, whether councilmembers should be subject to voter recall if elected for four years, met a resounding yes in the form of 2,470 votes to 382 against.

The average percentage of votes cast per ballot was 5.4 in a race where voters could vote for up to seven of the 10 candidates.

The results of Tuesday’s election were not announced until around 12:45 a.m. on Wednesday morning. Polls had closed at 8 p.m. and the reason for the delay was not immediately available but appeared to be linked to the processing of preliminary ballots. As it approached 1 a.m. the waiting crowd at the Greenbelt firehouse had dwindled and was more exhausted than celebratory. However, the dedicated group rose to their feet with excitement when the results were finally announced. The results released Wednesday morning were only preliminary and may be impacted by over 100 provisional ballots yet to be counted. Following the election results, Mayor Jordan expressed profound gratitude to Roberts for his many years of invaluable service.

Greenbelt City Election Results 2025	
Candidate	Total Votes
Emmett Jordan	2,340
Kristen Weaver	2,168
Jenni Pompei	2,090
Danielle McKinney	2,071
Frankie Fritz	1,987
Amy Knesel	1,883
Silke Pope	1,770
Rodney Roberts	1,405
Kevin "Coach K" Lockhart	1,392
Bill Orleans	448



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

From left, incumbents Jenni Pompei, Danielle McKinney, Emmett Jordan, Amy Knesel (behind) and Kristen Weaver await election results that would arrive almost five hours after polls closed.



The question of changing to four-year terms is defeated but the question of voter recall petitions passes.

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The question of switching city elections to ranked choice voting passes.



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Fall Vendor Sale

The Auxiliary of the Glenn Dale Fire Association is having a Vendor Show

Saturday, November 8, 2025
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

11900 Glenn Dale Blvd,
Glenn Dale, Maryland
Contact Marie at 301-452-1107

School News

ERHS Students Say Metal Detectors Cause Long Lines, Security Theater

by Aaron Thorson-Renomeron



The line at ERHS on March 4, 2025 following a threat to the school

- Photos by Aaron Thorson-Renomeron

The most visible enhanced security measures at the local high school aren't just frustrating, they cost \$20,000 each – and they don't really help, say many Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) students. In 2023, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) installed CEIA USA's Opengate metal detectors at ERHS and high schools throughout the county following a spike in violence across the country. Locally, gun violence near schools that year included the murder of a teen near DuVal High School in September and the attempted murder of a student on a PGCPS school bus in May. Installation of the detectors was recommended by a PGCPS Safety Measures Workgroup. There's no widely recognized conclusive research on metal detectors for schools, and their installment was stated to have been "proactive" rather than being installed based on threat levels or specific events, said Senior Information Specialist Lynn McCawley. The detectors installed at ERHS sound an alert on nearly half of the people in line.

Alarm fatigue is “a state of mental and operational exhaustion caused by an overwhelming number of alerts – many of which are low priority, false positives or otherwise non-actionable,” as defined by IBM. Alarm fatigue is rampant at ERHS. On one morning, over a short span of four minutes, security at ERHS scanned 92 students in one line; of these, 43 set off the metal detectors, or around 46 percent – none of these detections were searched or investigated further, against county policy. It is unclear why these alarms happen so often when CEIA advertises them to have “Near Zero Nuisance Alarms.”

Opengate is configurable to certain detection parameters; when changed one can usually see an increase in alarms – and therefore lines. After a major event in the community, or a threat to the school, lines get longer, likely due to an increase in the sensitivity of the system or an increase in investigation of alarms. While airport security, the detectors most are more familiar with, requires travellers to take everything out of their pockets, they can't carry any

metal with them, and they go through a full-body scanner. Roosevelt does not have the time or the tech to do this, so they have students remove their Chromebook, but keep their keys, their phone and their binders. It's inevitable that these items alone will set off the metal detectors on their higher settings. Finally, CEIA states that Opengate is used to detect "high caliber assault weapons ... and IEDs [Improvised Explosive Devices]." These detection targets are ideal for large public events and other situations that might draw a terrorist, but the threat is different at schools; metal detectors do not detect small knives, detecting keys, and if detectors are constantly detecting keys and binders, more threats may slip through.

Thus, detectors installed at ERHS and across the county are not designed to detect small to medium knives or even small handguns. One reason CEIA Opengate may not be the right choice for schools is that, according to IBM, “When security tools fail to identify an alert’s root cause, multiple alerts may be generated for the same underlying event. Teams then investigate each alert individually, unaware they’re linked. This can inflate the number of false positives and lead to [alarm] fatigue.” Many other metal detectors like the CEIA PMD2 Plus/EZHD are



Once inside the school, students remove their Chromebooks and pass through the metal detector.

not only cheaper, but also detect specific areas and intensity of detections. CEIA's Opengate metal detector is designed for efficient scanning at stadiums, not schools.

It is impossible to have an efficient school schedule while maintaining PGCPs security policies and detecting small objects that pose more of a threat coming through in a student rather than an outside threat. This student believes the choice to use metal detectors in PGCPs creates a security theater environment that can help genuine threats slip through other safety nets. They're not just frustrating; they harm the education, environment and safety of schools across the county.

Aaron Thorson-Renomeron is an ERHS student and staff writer for the Raider Review, where this article first appeared.

ERHS Showcases Student Talent at Fall Music Concert

by L'il Dan Celdran

Parents, fellow students, community members and staff were delighted by Eleanor Roosevelt High School's Fall Music Concert, held in a packed auditorium on Thursday, October 23. Over 100 student musicians participated in the evening's performances, showcasing their hard work, dedication and musical talent.

Band Director Cullen Wallen led the student musicians in *Circles of Stones*, performed by the ERHS Combined Bands, followed by *The Incredibles* (from the movie of the same name) performed by the Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble classes. The Woodwind Ensemble showcased their talent with *Four Masterworks* for Woodwind Choir, arranged by William Pelz, while the Percussion Class kept the beat

with Throwdown for Six Snare Drums.

Under the direction of Dr. Janna Leigh Ryon, choral director and piano teacher, piano students performed solo pieces and a duet of *Variations on a Theme by Haydn*, by Johannes Brahms. Ryon then led her Chamber Choir students in *Behold, How Good, Fre O* (a Haitian funeral song featuring a student on conga drum) and *Hold Me, Rock Me*.

The evening concluded with a spirited performance by the Gospel Choir – the only one in Prince George’s County – which featured soloists in I Speak Jesus, Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land and Trust in God.

Li'l Dan Celdran is a parent of a junior at ERHS.

Coming to the Table: Dinner & Discussion

The local affiliate of Coming To The Table (CTTT) is hosting dinner and discussion at the Community Center on the second Tuesday of every month. The next gathering is on November 11 from 6:15 to 8 p.m. in Room 202. Because it is so close to Thanksgiving, there will be special holiday fare, with turkey and all the fixings.

To attend, register via email to Joe Parks at jiyujoe@outlook.com.

The purpose of these gatherings is to provide a supportive environment for facing life's challenges and to strengthen the community through shared encouragement and dialogue.

CTTT began in the spirit of an astounding family reunion. In 2006 in Harrisonburg, Va., two dozen descendants from both sides of the system of enslavement gathered at a table. Through sharing stories and building relationships, both the descendants of enslaved people and the descendants of enslavers were able to embrace and to embody the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Today, the local affiliate group of CTTT strives to be as inclusive as possible, to create an environment where anyone can share the struggles that are part

of the human condition. Dialogues such as those fostered by CTTT can help overcome both the historic legacy of enslavement and those modern equivalents of enslavement that function to divide people, both from themselves and each other. The focus topic for November 11 is reconciliation. “Have you ever challenged yourself to understand someone whom you had formed a negative impression of – and come to a successful reconciliation?” ask the organizers.

Seasonal Safety Reminder

Fallen leaves might look picture perfect, but they can be slippery, especially when wet from rain or early morning dew.

The GHI Greenbelt Bicycle Committee reminds everyone to:

- Slow down on corners and descents covered in leaves.

- Check their tires for grip and pressure before every ride.

- Brake early and smoothly to avoid sliding.

Stay safe out there and keep enjoying those beautiful autumn miles in Greenbelt.

Rotary 
Club of Greenbelt

Controlling Invasive Plants in Greenbelt: What You Can Do

A Conversation with Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll
on **Thurs, Sept 13th at 7 pm**
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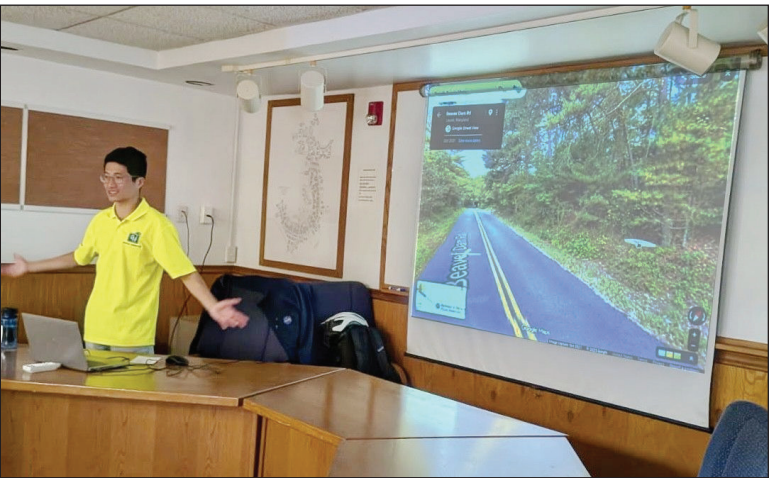
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GHI Bicylists’ Fall Social



GHI Bicycle Committee Secretary Jackson Tan leads a demonstration and discussion on bicycle routes around Greenbelt and surrounding communities during the committee’s October 18 fall social.



- Photos by Lisa Milani



Bilingual Story Time At SHL Rec Center

On Friday, November 14 at 10:30 a.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness (RUAK) with the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System will present engaging, lively stories and activities for young children and their caregivers to help build early literacy skills. This monthly program is an introduction to reading aloud to children as a way to instill the love of literature. After the readings, children can stay and play with balls in the gym. There will be free children’s books and free healthy, nutritious snacks. Come, and spread the word to friends and family.

Los Niños Leen y Juegan

El viernes 14 de noviembre a las 10:30 a.m. en el Centro Recreativo de Springhill Lake, Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness (RUAK) con el Sistema de Bibliotecas Conmemorativas del Condado de Prince George’s presentarán interesantes historias y actividades divertidas para niños pequeños y sus cuidadores, para ayudar a desarrollar las habilidades de alfabetización temprana. Este programa mensual es una introducción a la lectura en voz alta a los niños como forma de inculcar el amor por la literatura. Después de las lecturas, los niños pueden quedarse y jugar con pelotas en el gimnasio. Habrán libros infantiles gratis y aperitivos saludables y nutritivos. Como dijo un padre al irse, “Fue muy bueno!” Unete a nosotros, y corra la voz a amigos y familiares.

Pumpkin Recycling Event Will Be Held This Saturday

by Tom Taylor

Though Halloween is now past, Halloween pumpkins can continue to be put to good use and avoid ending up in the landfill.



nated to food pantries to distribute to residents in need. The rest of the pumpkins will be smashed and used to make nutrient-rich compost.

Compost Crew, the contractor for Greenbelt’s curbside food scrap composting program, is hosting a Pumpkin Party where Greenbelt residents can recycle their Halloween pumpkins.

The event will be held Saturday morning, November 8 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Compost Crew’s Greenbelt Compost Outpost facility. The facility is located on the grounds of Trinity Assembly of God Church, 7800 Good Luck Road, near the intersection with Hanover Parkway.

Edible pumpkins will be do-

Glitter, paint, candles and wax must first be removed. Pumpkins containing these contaminants will not be accepted.

Attendees can purchase a bag of Farm Feast compost and leave with peace of mind knowing that Halloween decorations have been diverted from the landfill and live on as a valuable resource.

The event is open to all Greenbelt residents. Parking will be available in the church parking lot.



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Residents of 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill Road greet trick-or-treaters on Halloween.



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Girl Scouts Visit the News Review

On Wednesday, October 15, Girl Scout Junior Troop 23035, comprised of fifth grade girls who are currently working on their Scribe merit badge, visited the Greenbelt News Review. They learned about their local paper

and what goes into its production, and asked questions about writing. They're pictured here in the newsroom with Managing Editor Anna Bedford-Dillow (center) and one of their leaders, Melisa Yashinski (right).



Girl Scout Junior Troop 23035 visits the GNR newsroom.

Mozart at the New Deal Café



From left, Susan Stewart, Suzanne Lomax, Jonathan Gordy, Anne Gardner and Alison Rose play a Mozart clarinet quintet.



From left, Logan Finucan, Jay McCarthy, Anne Gardner, Iris Nunn and Alison Rose play a Mozart viola quintet.

On Saturday, November 1, at the New Deal Café, string trios, quartets and quintets from the Greenbelt Community Orchestra regaled an appreciative audience with an afternoon filled with the elegance and melodic beauty of a selection of chamber music pieces by Mozart.

Climate Leadership Summit Nov. 20

The Braveboy Climate Leadership Summit will unite government, business and community leaders to accelerate climate action throughout Prince George's County on Thursday, November 20 from 10 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at Prince George's Community College Dukes Student Center.

The summit is the county's first-ever gathering dedicated to empowering leaders across every sector – government, business, education, faith and community – to turn climate goals into collective action.

County Executive Aisha Braveboy, officials from Prince George's Community College, the County Department of the Environment's Climate and Energy Division and partners across Prince George's County will gather for a day of learning, collaboration and inspiration to chart a path toward a climate-ready future for all.

News Review's Annual Meeting Was Informative, Feisty and Filling

by Pat Scully



At the GNR annual member meeting, front row from left: Becky Rackis, Anne Gardner, David Shapiro, Letty Bonnell, Jenny Jurling, Laura Bonkosky, Lesley Kash, Linda Lucas. Middle row from left: Erica Johns, Bonnie Schrack, Joan Estenson, Mary Lou Williamson, Pat Scully, Jan Wolf, Julie Rapp, Anne Marigza, Mary Moien. Back row from left: Deanna Dawson, Jon Gardner, Bill Jones, Jeff Jones, Cathie Meetre, Tom Jones, Anna Bedford-Dillow, Diane Oberg, Richard Roth, Jerry Bonnell, Michael Hartman, Christine Doran, Sandy Rodgers, Carol Griffith and Rahul Mehta

More than 30 members of Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association, Inc., the worker cooperative that publishes the Greenbelt News Review (GNR), attended the annual membership meeting on Sunday, October 26 in the Community Center.

Editor Mary Lou Williamson reflected on another successful year, the paper's 88th, of publishing every week without fail. Managing Editor Anna Bedford-Dillow addressed the widened scope of the news coverage in the past year, as county, state and national events affect the lives of Greenbelt residents. She stressed the need for more reporters not just to cover events but to research and write stories on critical issues.

Vice President Diane Oberg gave the financial report: staying afloat, thanks to ad sales,

grant money and reserves, newly replenished through the recent successful donation drive.

President Pat Scully spoke of the other activities the paper has undertaken in the past year, including a complete overhaul of the News Review website and hosting recruiting and information tables at the Farmers Market and Labor Day Festival as well as the recent candidate forum at the firehouse in collaboration with GATe. She commended the members who gave of their time and talents to plan, organize and staff these events.

The member discussion portion of the meeting brought forth strong and contrasting views about the paper's current policy against printing substantive letters to the editor from its members. The paper's need to maintain its

nonpartisan reporting runs head on into members' desire to have their views heard. The board of directors, which reviews all letters to the editor submitted and publishes most, will discuss the issue at its next monthly meeting.

The serving members of the board of directors were reelected without opposition and then elected the officers for the coming year: Pat Scully, president; Diane Oberg, vice president; Deanna Dawson, secretary; Tom Jones, treasurer; and members Carol Griffith, Sandy Rodgers and Erica Johns.

Following a group photo, the members, who work many different shifts or remotely so are seldom gathered together, enjoyed a meal catered by Three Brothers, giving them time to mingle and socialize.



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WHAT'S IN MY CO-OP BAG

THIS WEEK'S CO-OP BAG BELONGS TO...

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What's in your Co-op bag this week?
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Government Shutdown

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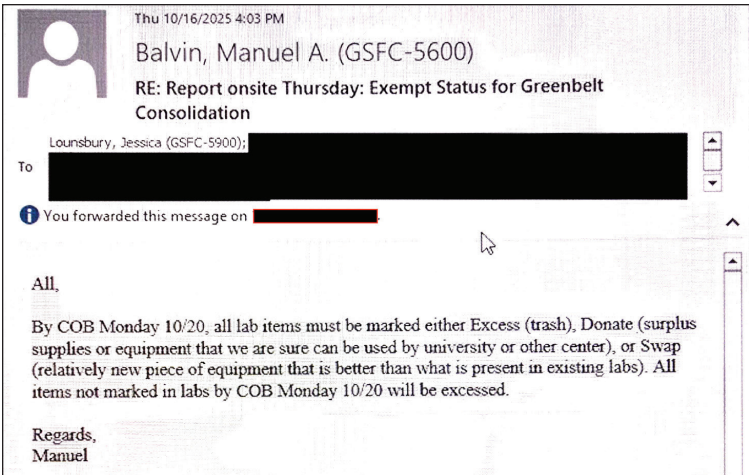
engineer who is a GSFC civil servant. “These lab/facility/equipment divestments are part of the ‘comply in advance’ with the President’s budget request and not only prevent GSFC from following budget appropriations law passed by Congress, they are seemingly designed to kneecap/destroy GSFC counter to the will of Congress,” Ben told the News Review. Another GSFC civil servant, whom we’ll call Rory, says divesting now means losing core capabilities, hindering future work and squandering millions of dollars of investment of taxpayer money over many decades. “The unilateral divestment ... of these facilities, seemingly without consultation with project or subject matter expert stakeholders, effectively ends the ability of Goddard to perform in-house spaceflight communications system development, historically considered a core capability of the Center,” Rory said.

Work During Shutdown

Another concern of those objecting to the directives is that they are being carried out under cover of the shutdown and don’t constitute the kind of “essential” work they believe should be taking place during a shutdown. “Office moves are not necessary to protect life or property, so this is a pretty clear violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act,” Ben told the News Review. The Anti-Deficiency Act (ADA) prohibits federal agencies from expending funds before or in excess of their appropriation. It’s the law that mandates the government shut down when there’s no spending bill to fund its operations. Exceptions are authorized for protecting human life and property. Rory also says the events are highly unusual because during the shutdown the ADA typically forbids civil servants from performing work that isn’t necessary for the safety of human life and protection of property, expressly authorized by law or part of discharging the President’s Constitutional duties.

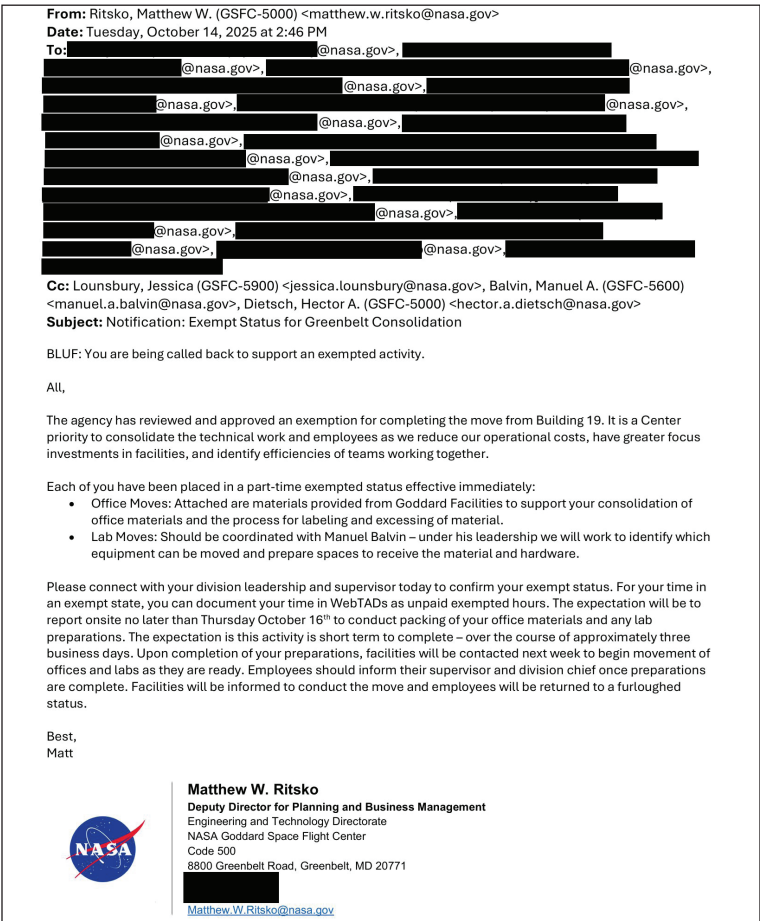
“GSFC management has ordered federal employees and contractors to move offices and labs during the government shutdown furlough,” says Rory. “Employees have been given less than a week to pack up entire buildings, under written threat of managers throwing away anything that is not accounted for. The equipment being moved likely adds up to tens of millions of dollars. Unique capabilities and lab equipment are being abandoned in place and expensive taxpayer-funded hardware is being mishandled. The moves are being conducted with needless haste and irresponsible disorganization,” states the civil servant.

In an internal September 30 email shared with the News Review, GSFC management said office moves were not approved as an excepted activity during a shutdown and the list of exempted activities was described as “lean.” Yet, Ben says employees in buildings 32 and 36 were ordered to move offices on October 1, the orderly shutdown day. On October 14, contractors and civil servants who worked in Buildings 19 and 20 were sent emails to their government ac-



An internal email sent after 4 p.m. on a Thursday during shutdown informs employees that the contents of their lab will be trashed at close of business Monday unless they mark it for donation or arrange a "swap." Its subject indicates exempt status to perform the "consolidation" work.

- Photos by GNR Source



An October 14 email informs recipients they are being recalled from furlough to complete a move out of Building 19.

counts informing them to return and report by October 16 to pack and prepare for movers clearing the buildings the following week. The email stated that exempt status was approved to complete the moves from the building. “It is unclear how this rationale creates a scenario in which civil servants would be expected to be called from furlough status during a lapse in appropriations,” Rory said.

Equipment Loss

Rory says Building 19 contained eight labs, including the Goddard ElectroMagnetic An-

echoic Chamber (GEMAC), “a unique Center capability that has consistently supported internal and external projects for over 50 years, which has been divested by the Center with no direct replacement for their capabilities.” The News Review spoke to sources who confirmed the donation of other valuable government equipment.

The written instructions sent October 16, a copy of which was reviewed by the News Review, stated that “By COB Monday 10/20, all items must be Excess (trash), Donate, or Swap. ... All

items not marked in labs by COB Monday 10/20 will be excessed.” “Tyler” (not his real name), a scientist who is still able to work on the Goddard campus, told the News Review the option to “swap” meant transferring the ownership to someone else on campus. That’s very difficult to do, however, because it involves finding someone with space available who is able to take the equipment, and currently many people are furloughed, he explained. “Through conversations with Center, ETD [Engineering and Technology Directorate] and Management Operations Directorate managers who stopped by throughout the day, on-site civil servants learned that the Center’s plan was allegedly to ‘excess everything’ (equivalent to throwing it out) and put the responsibility on employees for rescuing anything critical that was disposed of in the process,” says Rory. “This building alone houses likely tens of millions of dollars of government property, including one-of-a-kind spaceflight hardware, not to mention the decades-long investments to maintain state-of-the-art capabilities,” Rory said of Building 19. “Several building occupants were unavailable on such short notice (less than a week), with some on previously scheduled leave and even outside of the country. They will likely not be afforded an opportunity to prevent harm befalling items in their custody by other parties moving or disposing of their personal and government property without their knowledge or

consent,” Rory added. Those losing their equipment because they have nowhere to move it to can only hope it lands at a university or other site where they might be able to use it in the future.

More Moves Coming

Ben was recalled during the shutdown to work on his project, but he has been told his building will be one of the next to be cleared. He has no instructions on where he or his specialized and expensive government equipment will move to. So far, he’s only received “vague verbal communications” from his direct supervisor, who says they are also in the dark, an assertion he believes.

“Wren” (not her real name) is a civil servant who is also currently in her Goddard office every day. She’s working on an exempted project that she was assigned to on October 1. Her prior project is in limbo, she says, as it’s zeroed out in the President’s budget proposal. Wren has also been told she has to move from her building. “I have been tentatively given an office in another building but told to not actually move all my stuff there because they’re scheduled to divest from it in November,” she told the News Review. When she visited that building the team there said their move out was imminent. In the meantime, one of her building’s floors has already been cleared. She’s been told boxes will be stored in her current office and that it’s been given to someone else – whether it will be

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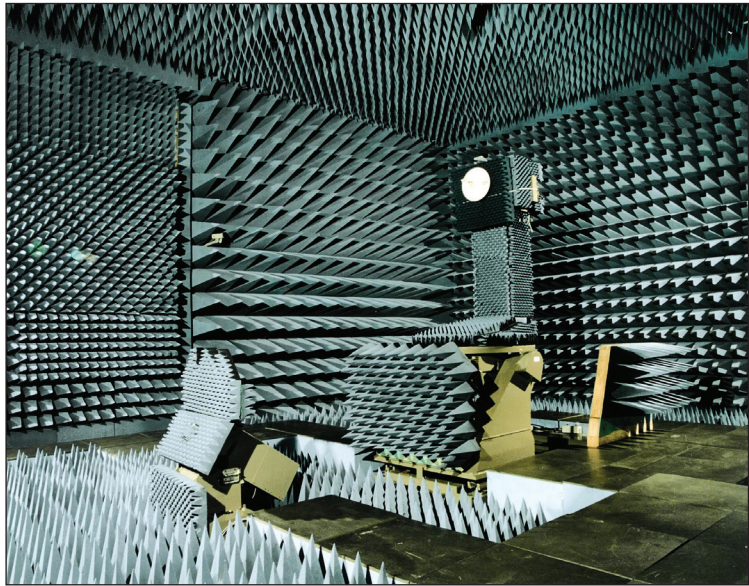


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The ElectroMagnetic Anechoic Chamber, GEMAC for short, at GSFC in Greenbelt, has been a critical testing facility for antenna technology for more than half a century. Sources say it's now been divested as Building 19 was emptied.

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emptied or reassigned depends on which plan you’re reading, she said. “I’ve seen boxes with my office number on them coming from [building number withheld]” she told the News Review, but for now she’s working in her office and keeping the door locked. “I see dumpsters and moving trucks every day,” she said.

On September 29, NASA Goddard’s union, GESTA, expressed concern that the moves and disposal of documents and equipment were not being carried out according to NASA and GSFC policies. “These moves and closures go well beyond what agency leadership had approved in Goddard’s 2019 20-year master plan,” said GESTA. GESTA had been meeting with center management because building moves constitute a change in employee working conditions but Trump’s Executive Order 14343 terminated their collective bargaining rights and halted the negotiations.

President’s Right-sizing or Masterplan?

NASA leaders and GSFC News Chief Rob Garner previously said the transformation plan is guided by the 20-year master plan approved in 2019. While that plan does call for closing several aging buildings that are currently being vacated, it also called for constructing many others. Tyler says that while many buildings being cleared were slated for closure in the master plan, that wasn’t intended to happen before building new ones. Rather than an orderly, years-long master plan, those the News Review spoke with who were in the midst of moves say it is chaotic, and many allege it is based on political pressure. “The master plan calls for building before demolishing/divesting,” said Rory, “and only one of the proposed 12 new buildings has been constructed at this time.”

Future Speculation

A GSFC physicist and engineer, “Genevieve,” (not her real name) said, “I believe their goal is to close the center. The only vision anyone has cast for Goddard beyond 2025 is from the original leak of the budget pass-back ... No one is casting an alternate narrative about Goddard’s continued existence that we can tie a fight for center capabilities to.” Others believe GSFC management are trying to survive and stave off the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) by capitulating to Trump’s vision even while Congress opposes it. “I believe that center management is filled with folks who think that

by complying in advance it will work out for them,” a co-op scientist at GSFC told the News Review in September. A source we spoke to at NASA HQ was more staid: “The moves are absolutely disruptive and disturbing to those directly affected,” he said, but he cautioned against assuming motivation. The management could be accelerating the master plan to placate Office of Management Budget/DOGE and stave off more severe cuts. They might see the absence of union negotiations as a chance to expedite the already-planned center consolidation or they might be moving expediently because management itself has been decimated by Deferred Retirement Program departures, he suggested. He didn’t believe the ultimate plan is to close Goddard entirely. In fact, he believes the Science Mission Directorate plans to move over 200 people to Goddard in the new year, likely to the east side of campus, he said.

NASA Goddard News Chief Rob Garner has been furloughed and was unavailable to respond to the News Review’s questions or request to schedule access to GSFC.

The office of Senator Chris Van Hollen, leading Democrat on the Senate Appropriations Commerce-Justice-Science Subcommittee, which oversees funding for NASA, says the senator is pushing back against the Trump Administration’s efforts to undermine NASA and its missions. “The Trump Administration’s ongoing attacks on NASA Goddard and its workforce are endangering our efforts to explore space, deepen our understanding of Earth and spur technological advancements that make our economy stronger and our nation safer,” Van Hollen responded to the News Review. “I am in touch with Goddard staff and leadership as well as NASA headquarters regarding moves taking place on campus and am pushing to ensure that Goddard maintains its status as a world-leading research center and that the Trump Administration follows the law. I’ll keep fighting to retain the unique capabilities of NASA Goddard and to support the Center’s dedicated scientists, engineers and contractors – their work is vital to America’s scientific leadership and national security,” said Van Hollen in a statement to the News Review. He did not respond specifically to our questions about recalling federal workers to clear Goddard buildings during shutdown.



Appointments Available At Local Blood Drive

The American Red Cross is hosting a blood donation drive at the Community Center on Friday, November 14. Appointments are available for whole blood donations from 1:15 to 4 p.m. Power red donations, but only from type O donors, are available at 2, 3 and 4 p.m.

The need for blood is unceasing; donors are literal life savers. Schedule an appointment online at redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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SNAP Update

As a result of the government shutdown, Marylanders are receiving mixed messages about SNAP benefits, says the Maryland Department of Human Services (DHS).

The federal government stopped funding SNAP benefits on November 1. On Friday, October 31, a federal District Court ruled that the federal government must at least partially fund SNAP using contingency funds. Despite this ruling, no federal funds have been released to Maryland as of November 4, says DHS.

This is a developing situation. As soon as any SNAP benefits become available, DHS says they will get funds to Maryland families through their Maryland Independence EBT cards.

“We will continue to share information as we learn more. Please continue to keep your information up to date, check your eligibility and apply for help at MarylandBenefits.gov,” says a statement on Maryland’s DHS website.

SNAP at the Farmers Market

SNAP customers can still shop at the Greenbelt Farmers Market during the shutdown. Thanks to Maryland Market Money (MMM), the farmers market will offer \$20 each market in MMM



Chalk writing advertises SNAP assistance at the Greenbelt Farmers Market on November 2.

tokens to SNAP customers during the shutdown. They are also still offering a \$10 local match with Bridge Benefit transactions. FMNP (Farmers Market Nutrition Program) transactions are running as usual and any tokens that you already have are valid and can

be spent. Markets will take place on November 9, November 16, November 23 and December 7.

This article draws on information from the Maryland Department of Human Services and Greenbelt Farmers Market online announcements.

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Green Ridge Receives HUD Payment Despite Shutdown

Last week the city was expecting a HUD voucher payment for Green Ridge House and was unsure if it would arrive (see page 7 of the October 30 issue). On Friday, October 31, the voucher payment was paid. It was the first payment expected since the government shutdown began on October 1.

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Transportation Program
City staff has reviewed the Maryland Department of Transportation’s Draft Fiscal Year 2026-2031 Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) which is Maryland’s six-year capital budget for transportation projects (e.g., resurfacing the Beltway, expanding I-81 to six lanes and widening U.S. 15).

The draft CTP includes a \$300 million increase over the \$21.2B Final FY 2025-2030 CTP. This increase reflects additional revenues generated through new fees such as an annual registration surcharge for electric vehicles, a fee on transportation network company trips and a fee on tire purchases. It also includes increased fees on vehicle titles and registrations.

Staff would like to send a letter to the state regarding the draft CTP specifically asking that funding be programmed for Segments 1-4 of the Greenbelt East Trail and restate the city’s opposition to any alternatives for I-270 and I-495 that involve widening the Beltway.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts expressed his opposition to the increase in fees funding the CTP and Councilmember Silke Pope concurred.

Council unanimously agreed to send the letter forward but with additional wording that expressed their sentiments regarding the new fees.

Rental Licenses
Mayor Emmett Jordan introduced an amendment that would require HOA/condominium organizations to approve the renewal of rental licenses. Currently an owner must apply for a rental license but not for renewals and this amendment would close that loophole.

Pope felt the amendment should also state why a refusal can be done and why not. She and Councilmember Kristen Weaver agreed that council should meet with HOA/condo boards in Greenbelt for further discussion.

Jordan appreciated these thoughts and reiterated it was a draft that needed legal counsel and others to examine it.

Cooperatives
The month of October is Cooperative Month, during which members from 40,000 co-ops nationwide celebrate the benefits and values of cooperative membership. Jordan read the city’s proclamation of support and recognition of cooperatives which was presented to representatives from several of Greenbelt’s cooperatives, including the Prince George’s Community Federal Credit Union, Greenbelt Homes, Inc., New Deal Café, Greenbelt News Review, Greenbelt Nursery School and the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy (see the photo in the October 30 issue).

Trash Talking
The City of Greenbelt and the Green Team will host three Zoom sessions for information and questions on the new payment program beginning January 2026 for households receiving city trash collection: Wednesday, November 12 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, November 15 at 10 a.m. and Tuesday, November 18 at noon. The sessions will begin with a presentation of Save As You Throw for about 15 minutes, followed by Q&A. The Zoom links will be on the City of Greenbelt website at greenbeltnet.gov (search Save As You Throw Program).

City of Greenbelt Public Statement on Recent ICE Activities along Baltimore-Washington Parkway

Guided by principles that transcend politics and circumstance, the City of Greenbelt remains anchored in values of respect, cooperation, and human dignity. These values are expressed in our Community Pledge:
“The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.”
– City of Greenbelt Community Pledge

It is in this spirit that we address and take a position on civil enforcement actions by the federal government.
The City of Greenbelt has received reports from residents and community organizations regarding recent Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) operations and U.S. Park Police activities along the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. These reports describe traffic stops and detentions that have generated fear and uncertainty among community members.

The Greenbelt City Council takes these concerns seriously and recognizes the distress these actions have caused. While the City of Greenbelt has no authority over federal agencies or federal land, we are committed to protecting the rights, dignity, and well-being of everyone who lives, works and worships in our city. We are deeply troubled by accounts that these enforcement actions involve racial profiling and pretextual stops. These actions undermine public trust in the federal government, its institutions, and its law enforcement agencies; in particular, the US Park Police, who are well respected in their endeavor to protect our National Parks and their recreational users. A loss of trust erodes safety and fairness – values which are essential to community well-being.

Our Actions
The City of Greenbelt has escalated these concerns with our congressional representatives and will continue working with state and federal representatives to seek transparency and accountability. Greenbelt Police does not enforce civil immigration law and will not assist ICE with civil enforcement actions. This approach is consistent with city policy as well as state and federal law.

The city has already hosted Know Your Rights trainings, legal clinics and community resource events in partnership with CASA (a nonprofit organization that provides empowerment for working-class immigrants), local attorneys and community advocates. Additional workshops are being planned to provide continued education and support. The city will continue to amplify and promote resources offered by CASA and the State of Maryland for reporting ICE activity, along with District 22’s Bystander Training and similar community safety initiatives.

Guidance for Residents
If you witness or are affected by immigration enforcement activity:
Remain calm and exercise your legal rights, including the right to remain silent and the right to request a warrant
For assistance regarding ICE detentions, call the CASA Hotline: 1-855-678-2272
Businesses and landlords are reminded that federal agents must present a judicial warrant to enter private spaces

Our Values
Greenbelt is – and will continue to be – a welcoming city that values every resident, regardless of birthplace or immigration status. Immigrants are essential to our community’s strength, economy and culture. We reject fear, discrimination and division in all forms, and we reaffirm our ongoing commitment to safety, inclusion, respect and human dignity for all.
The City of Greenbelt stands in solidarity with all residents affected by these actions. Together with our regional partners, we remain focused on ensuring that our community stays informed, protected and united.

Statement from Greenbelt City Council on Hateful Flyers

October 31, 2025
Dear Greenbelt Residents,
The Greenbelt City Council is aware of recent flyers circulating in our community conveying hateful and fear-driven messages to our Latino neighbors. We condemn these flyers in the strongest possible terms.
These flyers are intended to create division and dehumanize our neighbors. They do not represent the values that define Greenbelt. Our city has a longstanding commitment to fairness, compassion, and inclusion. Every Greenbelt resident – regardless of immigration status, national origin, race, ethnicity, disability, gender identity, religious belief, sexual orientation or family status – is a valued and respected member of our community.
Greenbelt remains committed to being a welcoming city. We stand firmly against discrimination, harassment and attempts to make any member of our community feel unsafe or unwelcome. Acts that target or threaten individuals based on who they are, have no place here.
To all who call Greenbelt home: You belong. You matter. We will continue working together to ensure that Greenbelt remains a community where all residents feel safe and are treated with dignity and respect.

Sincerely,
The Greenbelt City Council

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PHOTO BY CHRISTINE DORAN

Turner Cemetery, off Ivy Lane, seen in February 2025

Lane. It is in the best condition of the three cemeteries. JMT located 15 stones there and three depressions that may indicate burials.

The Walker Cemetery, behind the office park on Walker Drive, is well-marked but difficult to reach on foot. There are five depressions there that might be burials. There is also a picnic area nearby.

Enslaved people were probably buried in unmarked graves in all the cemeteries. JMT recommended that the Greenbelt Reparations Committee might consider designing memorials to honor these people.

Draft Plan
The JMT draft Maintenance Plan included 1) establishing a cemetery maintenance team, 2) establishing a seasonal routine maintenance schedule, 3) making critical site repairs and improvements, 4) repatriating the removed grave markers, 5) installing new interpretive signage and monuments and 6) establishing heritage programming.

A minimum of two Public Works employees with training and a dedicated budget would be needed to handle a quarterly maintenance schedule for the cemeteries.

Paths and fencing were the critical improvements recommended. A path with pavers would make the Walker Cemetery

more accessible. Fencing may be needed at all the cemeteries, but especially Hamilton Cemetery, to clearly delineate their boundaries.

Gravestones may not be able to be replaced exactly as their original locations are unknown, but they may be incorporated into new memorial designs.

JMT recommends identifying signage in line with other Greenbelt historic signage.

Signage and upkeep of the cemeteries could encourage more interest in them, more heritage tourism and more volunteers. An adopt-a-cemetery program was also recommended.

Jane Johnson, from the Pleasant Prospect chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), spoke about her group’s efforts to maintain the Walker cemetery. Nathan and Isaac Walker, Revolutionary War veterans, are buried there. The DAR chapter is in touch with a Walker family descendant who helped them find the cemetery. A copy of the 1937 DAR regent report about the chapter was given to Megan Searing Young, director of the Greenbelt Museum.

Gimbal asked for more specifics on labor costs to include in her final report. Council encouraged JMT to provide recommendations on how volunteers could be used in cemetery upkeep and a list of priorities to help with budgeting.

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Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred October 27-November 2, 2025. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an inquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbelimd.gov. Times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Incident Summary
Greenbelt Police reported one sexual assault; four mental health diversions, two involving suicide; and six domestic incidents, one involving threats and one a break-in.

A missing child was found and reunited with family. A woman was reported missing after she went to walk her dog; officers found her on her way home.

Shooting
On October 28 at 4:10 p.m. near 7595 Greenbelt Road, young men were shooting at each other in the Greenway Shopping Center near Wendy's; officers found rounds on the ground. The men fled in a red vehicle, which officers later found unoccupied. Investigation is still ongoing.

Burglaries
On November 1 at 7:46 p.m. near 5331 Stream Bank Lane, a man broke into a residence, causing the occupants to fear for their safety. He stole a bowl of candy and fled. Officers found him nearby and arrested him; he was taken to the hospital due to his state of incoherence and presumed drug usage.

On October 27 at 1:22 p.m. near 9300 Edmonston Road, officers found the sliding glass door of a unit shattered; no one was inside. Maintenance was contacted to repair the damage. Several electronic items were reported stolen.

Attempted Break-in
On October 27 at 12:04 p.m. near 6140 Springhill Terrace, a man tried to enter a residence by kicking the door open; he didn't gain access and ran away.

Suspected Squatter
On October 29 at 6:19 p.m. near 7708 Hanover Parkway, the caretaker of a residence reported a squatter in the unit. Officers made sure no one was inside.

Disorderly
On October 27 at 5:25 p.m. near 6124 Breezewood Drive, two people were being disruptive in a storage unit; officers banned them.

Fraud
On October 29 near 5907 Cherrywood Lane, money was withdrawn from an account without authorization.

Theft and Shoplifting
On October 27 at 12:05 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, two women concealed clothing items in their bags, left without paying and drove off in a black Honda sedan.

On October 28 at 9:13 p.m. near 6118 Breezewood Court, a package was reported delivered by FedEx, but when the resident got home it was missing.

On October 29 at 12:51 p.m. near 7607 Greenbelt Road, a woman was seen taking items before fleeing.

On October 30 at 5:17 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man stole merchandise and was caught, cited for theft and banned from the location; at 11:10 a.m. near 5993 Springhill Drive, a resident reported that Franklin Park maintenance workers stole items while working in their apartment.

On October 31 at 2:33 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a group of women fled a store

without paying for merchandise; one was caught and charged, with additional charges pending; at 12:31 p.m. near 5717 Greenbelt Metro Drive, the station manager reported the theft of a bicycle.

Trespassing
On October 27 at 11:05 a.m. near 7537 Greenbelt Road, a man was arrested for trespassing at Greenway Shopping Center where he was seen consuming an alcoholic beverage; at 11:47 a.m. near 7907 Mandan Road, two people entered a vacant unit through an open sliding glass patio door. Officers found them and one person was taken to the Department of Corrections for an open warrant, and the other was banned from the premises.

Vandalism
On October 27 near 99 Centerway, someone spray-painted the walls of the skate park.

Vehicle Crimes
Stolen Vehicles
Three vehicles were stolen: on October 27 near 7901 Mandan Road, a red 2025 Honda CRV (Md. 8GN2288); on October 28 near 6202 Breezewood Drive, a blue Volkswagen (Va. UWX1100); and on October 31 near 7273 South Ora Court, a Honda Civic (Md. GM8830).

Stolen Vehicle Recovered
On October 29 near 225 Lakeside Drive, a vehicle was reported stolen; it had already been located by Prince George's County Police.

Theft from Auto
The wheels were stolen from a Toyota Camry on October 30 near 7708 Hanover Parkway and from a Volkswagen on November 1 near 6219 Springhill Court. On October 27 near 9010 Breezewood Terrace, a license plate was stolen.

Vandalism to Auto
On October 27 near 6124 Breezewood Drive, a Toyota had a window broken. On October 31 near 124 Westway, a 2021 Honda Accord had all four tires slashed and the side mirror broken.

Community Yard Sale

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will hold its last of the year Indoor Community Yard Sale on Saturday, November 22. The hours are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 125 Crescent Road. Come help support the fire department and ladies auxiliary. Refreshments and homemade baked goods will be available for purchase. Tables are still available to rent. See the classified ad for details.

Bring family and friends; there will be tables full of treasures for everyone. The hall and parking lot are accessible. Masks are not required but may be worn if desired.

Crisis Hotline's Number is 988
The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline dialing code is 988. Calls and text messages are confidential and free.

Greenbelt Police Promotions



Officers Joshua Forney, Oscar Rodas-Flores and Jean-Paul Dang were promoted to Master Police Officer. Pictured left to right are Lieutenant Irelisse Fernandez, Officer Joshua Forney, Officer Oscar Rodas-Flores, Officer Jean-Paul Dang and Chief Richard Bowers.

- Photos courtesy Greenbelt Police

Officer Amy Sosa, left, has been promoted to Police Officer First Class. She is pictured with Police Chief Richard Bowers.



City Notes

Public Information publicized the city election, published press releases addressing ICE activities on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and produced a Wild Rumpus highlight video.

Economic Development visited five businesses and attended the Legislative Black Caucus Business Breakfast. Code Enforcement inspected 14 rentals.

Animal Shelter residents are six cats, seven kittens and two dogs after one adoption. Twenty-two dog park permits are active and 67 spay/neuter vouchers have been issued with 38 redeemed.

Public Works winterized vehicles and held a recycling event. Horticulture/Parks removed graffiti from bus shelters.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center offered after-school Halloween activities. The Community Center hosted senior line dancing and activated the boilers for winter.

At the Aquatic & Fitness Center, Greenbelt Littles visited a Water Pumpkin Patch and contractors installed hot tub tiling and repaired drains.

Therapeutic Recreation facilitated Senior Nutrition lunch service and presented a Senior Tech Café.

Park Rangers de-escalated an altercation and supervised many permitted gatherings, including a lakeside wedding.

Trial of Stop Sign Cameras



One of Greenbelt's new stop sign cameras

Greenbelt Police Department is conducting a trial of stop sign cameras at the intersection of Southway and Ridge Road, which

will last approximately three weeks. During this trial, no citations or warnings will be issued.

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Sports

Annual Greenbelt Triathlon
Held for 17th Time on Sunday

The 17th annual Greenbelt Triathlon was held on Sunday, November 2, a warm, sunny afternoon this year. The race is a three-part event that consists of running 2.5 miles around Greenbelt Lake, followed by biking approximately seven miles to Franklins Brew Pub in Hyattsville and finally drinking two pints of fizzy liquid. There was a special “Old Geezer Category” for those who couldn’t run 2.5 miles and were allowed to run or walk around Greenbelt Lake just once. There was also a category for e-bikes and the option for relay teams. There were no accommodations for the drinking portion, however, though the fizzy beverages could be water, soda or beer, absolutely no ice was allowed.

This year’s organizers were Luisa Robles, Amethyst Dwyer, Gina Mai Denn and Michael Canavan. Each year different residents organize the race, though Robles is a constant. The event was first held 20 years ago in 2005 but skipped a few years during Covid.



The top male finishers from left: Mike Kelleher (first) and Joe Hurm (second)



The top women finishers from left: Tatiana Marquez (second) and Rachel Canavan (first)



Team ACK!, which won best costume in the race, poses with their team capes outside Franklins in Hyattsville, where the triathlon ended. They are, from left, Anna Bedford-Dillow, Corita Waters and Kim Tae Walsh.



Athletes complete the liquid portion of the race at Franklins.

The 2025 winners were:
Women
First Place: Rachel Canavan
Second Place: Tatiana Marquez
Men
First Place: Mike Kelleher
Second Place: Joe Hurm
Relay
First Place: The Alpacatack Team (Canavan children)
Second Place: Team Bruja (John Cooper and Luisa Robles)
Women’s E-bike: Gina Mai Denn
Men’s E-bike: Joe Tertstra
Women’s Geezer: Kristen Weaver
Best Costume: Tri-umphant Ack! (Anna Bedford-Dillow, Corita Waters and Kim Tae Walsh)
Last: Dan Bradley

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Community Questionnaire 2025

At election time, residents are asked to take a few minutes to complete the following questionnaire. The information obtained will be useful to the newly elected City Council and City staff. Your confidential responses will be consolidated in a report for general distribution. If a question is not applicable, please leave it blank. Please place completed questionnaires in the box provided at the polling location or send it to the City Office at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. Alternatively, you can fill out the survey by scanning the QR to the right or by visiting www.greenbeltmd.gov/questionnaire.



GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Residency - Type

☐ Apartment

☐ Townhouse

☐ Condominium

☐ GHI

☐ Detached Single Family Home

2. Residency - Neighborhood

☐ Greenbelt East (East of Baltimore-Washington Parkway)

☐ Greenbelt West (West of Kennilworth Avenue)

☐ Center City (Between Kennilworth & B-W Parkway)

3. Do You?

☐ Own

☐ Rent

4. Age

☐ Under 18

☐ 30-44

☐ 61-74

☐ 18-29

☐ 45-60

☐ 75+

5. How Many Years Have You Lived in Greenbelt?

☐ Less Than 1 Year

☐ 6-10 Years

☐ 21-30 Years

☐ 1-5 Years

☐ 11-20 Years

☐ More than 30 Yrs

6. Employment Status (Check All That Apply)

☐ Full-Time

☐ Part-Time

☐ Unemployed

☐ Retired

☐ Stay at Home Parent

☐ Work From Home

☐ Student

☐ Multiple Jobs

7. Where Do You Work?

☐ Greenbelt

☐ Prince George's County

☐ Baltimore

☐ Washington, D.C.

☐ Montgomery County

☐ Other

8. Which of the following best describes your racial identity?

☐ White

☐ Other Pacific Islander

☐ Black or African American

☐ American Indian

☐ Latino/Hispanic

☐ Alaska Native

☐ Asian

☐ Other Racial Identity:

☐ Native Hawaiian

8. What is your gender identity?

☐ Male

☐ Prefer not to say

☐ Female

☐ Another gender identity:

☐ Non-binary

NEW QUESTIONS FOR 2025

1. Which of the three (3) options for the development of the Greenbelt Armory site do you prefer?

☐ Municipal center/mixed-use

☐ Residential/mixed-use

☐ Fire/EMS station

2. Should Greenbelt provide a city-wide circulator bus service?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, do you support raising taxes to cover the cost?

☐ Yes

☐ No

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Please rate your satisfaction over the last 2 years with the following services. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

☐ Police Presence

☐ Police Responsiveness

☐ Dispatcher Responsiveness

☐ Overall Police Performance

☐ Overall Police Employee Competence

☐ Police Attitude & Behavior Towards Residents

☐ Animal Control

☐ Traffic Control

☐ Fire & Rescue

☐ Parking Enforcement

2. Do you have any concerns about safety and security within Greenbelt? If so, please list:

3. If you have contacted the police in the last two (2) years, was the employee polite & courteous?

☐ Yes

☐ No

4. Did the police employee assist you satisfactorily?

☐ Yes

☐ No

5. Please list any suggestions for improving police services under “GENERAL COMMENTS - #3. Other Comments” (located on far right).

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Please rate your satisfaction over the last 2 years with the following services. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

☐ Street Maintenance

☐ Street Lighting

☐ Street Cleaning

☐ Snow Removal

☐ Sidewalk Maintenance

☐ Crosswalks

☐ Park Maintenance

☐ Bike Lanes

☐ Refuse Collection

☐ Recycling

☐ Mowing/Flower/Tree Planting

☐ Building Maintenance

☐ Bus Stops

☐ Greenbelt Connection

2. If you have contacted Public Works in the last two (2) years, was the employee polite & courteous?

☐ Yes

☐ No

GREENBELT CARES/SOCIAL SERVICES

1. Have you or your family utilized any of the services listed below (#3) in the last two (2) years?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2. Did you know the City provides the services (#3) below?

☐ Yes

☐ No

3. If yes, please rate your satisfaction with the services. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

☐ Counseling (Individual, family, or group)

☐ Crisis Intervention Counseling

☐ Tutoring

☐ GED

☐ Job Bank

☐ Babysitting Workshop

☐ Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program

4. If you plan to remain in your home as you age, which of the following might you require:

☐ Online Advice & Support

☐ Home Modifications

☐ Activities for Homebound

☐ 1st Floor Bathroom

☐ Other:

5. How soon would you need these services?

☐ Now

☐ 1-3 Years

☐ 4-7 Years

☐ 8+ Years

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT / CODE ENFORCEMENT

1. Have you had contact with City Community Development/ Code Enforcement Staff (Inspection, Permit, Tall Grass, Structure Complaint, etc)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2. Was the Community Development/Code Enforcement employee polite & courteous?

☐ Yes

☐ No

3. Did the Community Development/Code Enforcement employee assist you satisfactorily?

☐ Yes

☐ No

EDUCATION

1. If you have school age children, please rate the schools they currently attend. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

☐ Greenbelt Elementary

☐ Springhill Lake Elementary

☐ Dora Kennedy French Immersion

☐ Magnolia Elementary

☐ Greenbelt Middle School

☐ Eleanor Roosevelt High School

☐ Home Schooling

☐ Other:

2. Using the same scale in #1 above, please rate the Prince George's County School System overall:

3. Please rank the following statements. (5=Strongly Agree, 4=Agree, 3=Neutral, 2=Disagree, 1=Strongly Disagree)

☐ The City should continue to provide grants to Greenbelt schools/educators

☐ The City should continue to advocate that Greenbelt students attend Greenbelt schools if they so choose.

RECREATION

1. Please rate your satisfaction with any City facilities which you or your family have used. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

☐ Aquatics & Fitness Center

☐ Community Center

☐ Springhill Lake Recreation Center

☐ Youth Center

☐ Skate Park

☐ Youth Center

☐ Playgrounds

☐ Parks

☐ Athletic Fields

☐ Trails

☐ Other:

2. Please rate your satisfaction with any City activities which you or your family have attended. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

☐ Fitness Classes

☐ Pre-School Classes

☐ Youth/Adult Classes

☐ Camp Programs

☐ Visual Art Programs

☐ Senior Programs

☐ Performing Art Programs

☐ Aquatic Programs

☐ Special Events (Artful Afternoons, Fall Fest, July 4th, Winter Lights Festival, Celebration of Spring, etc)

☐ Other (Please Specify):

3. Please check any programs which you or a member of your household ae likely to attend within the next two (2) years. (Check all that apply)

☐ Pre-School Activities

☐ Children's Afternoon Activities

☐ Children's Weekend Activities

☐ Children's Drop-In Activities

☐ Home School/School Enrichment Activities

☐ Family Recreation Activities - Weekend

☐ Adult Classes or Leagues

☐ Senior Activities

☐ Drop-In Activities

☐ Special Events (Examples #2 above)

PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. How would you prefer to receive information about City programs and services? (Please rate your use from 1-10, 1=top preference)

☐ Greenbelt TV

☐ Greenbelt News Review

☐ Mail

☐ City Newsletter

☐ Email

☐ Facebook

☐ Greenbeltmd.gov

☐ YouTube

☐ Washington Post

☐ WTOP (Radio)

☐ Local TV News

☐ Posters/Flyers

☐ Other:

2. Please rate your satisfaction with Greenbelt's efforts to publicize and broadcast official information and City events? (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor):

3. Do you use the City's website at www.greenbeltmd.gov?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If so, what for?

☐ Watch Meetings

☐ Calendar

☐ Watch Videos

☐ Documents

☐ Other:

4. What services would you like to see on the City website?

5. Have you used the video streaming/on-demand section of the City website?

☐ Yes

☐ No

6. Have you watched any of the programming, including Council meetings, offered on the City's Municipal Access channel over the past 2 years?

☐ Yes

☐ No

7. Do you watch the public access channel known as Greenbelt Access Television? (GATe)

☐ Yes

☐ No

CITY SERVICES AND TAXES

1. How do you rate the value of City services and programs for your tax dollars? (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

2. Are City services fairly distributed throughout Greenbelt?

☐ Yes

☐ No

3. The City has limited ability to raise revenues other than through property taxes or fees. In light of this fact, would you support a tax rate increase in order to:

☐ Maintain current City services/programs

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Increase City services/programs

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Provide fair compensation to employees

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Participate in green initiatives (greenhouse gas reduction, solar power, battery powered equipment, etc)

☐ Yes

☐ No

4. In general, should City services be (choose one)

☐ Kept at the Same Level

☐ Reduced

☐ Increased

5. If the City had to reduce services/programs, which ones would you suggest and why?:

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1. What barriers are there to attending City events, including council meetings? (Check all that apply)

☐ Time

☐ Location

☐ Too Many

☐ Childcare

☐ No bilingual services

☐ Other:

2. In your opinion, City services provided to the Greenbelt community have improved over the last two (2) years.

☐ Strongly Agree

☐ Agree

☐ Neutral

☐ Disagree

☐ Strongly Disagree

☐ Why?

3. If you need bilingual services, what language do you prefer?

☐ Spanish

☐ French

☐ Yoruba

☐ Afrikaans

☐ Other:

4. Do you feel safe in the following areas of the City?

☐ West

☐ Center City

☐ East

GENERAL COMMENTS

1. Describe what you like most about the Greenbelt Community.

2. Describe what you like least about the Greenbelt Community.

3. Other Comments:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT!